

REMARKS

The Office Action dated January 16, 2001 has been received and carefully considered. In the Office Action, the Examiner requested Applicants to restrict the prosecution of the above-identified patent application to a single invention. Specifically, the Examiner stated that claims 1-31 and 48-61 were drawn to a sub-combination, classified in class 219, subclass 136, and claims 32-47 were drawn to a combination classified in class 224, subclass 575. Accordingly, Applicants have elected to prosecute claims 1-31 and 48-61 which are classified in class 219, subclass 136. Applicants have canceled claims 32-47 without prejudice and reserve the right to prosecute such claims in a divisional application.

Applicants have noted the Examiner stated claims 1-31 and 48-61 were directed to distinct species. Applicants submit both sets of claims are drawn to an undercarriage for a welder or power supply. Applicants have amended claim 48 and canceled claim 51 to specifically recite that the undercarriage is for supporting and moving a power supply or welder. Applicants submit all the claims presently pending in the above-identified patent application are drawn to the same distinct species, thus should be maintained and examined.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 32-47 and 51 without prejudice.

Amend claim 48 as follows:

48. (Amended) A moveable undercarriage for supporting and moving [equipment] welder or power supply over a ground surface comprising a base structure, at least one front wheel rotatably secured to said base, at least one rear wheel rotatable secured to said base, and a push bar secured to said base, said rear wheel having a radius that is equal to or greater than a radius of said front wheel, the axles of said front and rear wheel positioned on said base such that a center of gravity of the equipment lies on or between said axles, said axles of front and rear spaced apart along the longitudinal axis of said base so that the spacing is less than about 3 times the sum of the radii of said front and rear wheels.

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